

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
October 14, 2019

Vice President Ondrea McConville called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:37 p.m. on October 14, 2019 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Jason Kloeping, John O'Dea, Ondrea McConville, Jason Neseth, Jenni McConville, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Duane Teter

Visitors: Cody Gerlach, Nicole Dewey, Allison Rippe, Don and Donna Behnke, Christian Arterburn, Les Roggenkamp

Vice-President McConville observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to excuse absent board member Duane Teter. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, O'Dea, J. McConville, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, O'Dea, Kloeping, Neseth, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by the board-approved method of meeting notice. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the minutes of the September 9th, 2019 special hearings and regular monthly board meeting as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Neseth, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the Superintendent's Evaluation according to Board Policy 4057. Board members were instructed to complete the evaluation and return the document to President Teter as soon as possible.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve Darcie Keenportz as a member of the Southwest Public Schools Foundation Board. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, J. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the movement of 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the Junior/Senior High School Building beginning the 2020-2021 school year. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, J. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve two students, as recommended by Principal Matt Springer, to participate in Board Policy 5605.1 Early Dismissal for Seniors, effective second semester. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, J. McConville and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville to approve the bid from Coach Masters in the amount of \$95,570.00 for the purchase of a 42 passenger route bus. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, J. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the purchase of new curriculum materials for Spanish courses to align with the current foreign language standards in the amount of \$7,076.05. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, J. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to recognize the Southwest Teachers' Association as the bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2021-2022 contract year. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, Kloeping, J. McConville, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to change our football classification for the next two year cycle 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 to 6 man. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, J. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported Jadyn Brooks was nominated and selected as a NSAA Believer and Achiever. We will be hosting the District One Act Play on December 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school that day. High School staff will be helping with the event that day while Elementary staff have a work day. Porter reported the school's safety audit went well with minimal changes recommended. The NDE School ratings have been released and he was happy to report that Southwest Schools rating of needs improvement moved up 2 steps to a great rating.

Principal Latta reported the elementary teachers are adjusting well to the reading curriculum. There will be Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences this Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 7:00.

Principal Springer reported Southwest hosted District Girls Golf in McCook and Kaylee Guerrero qualified individually for Girls State Golf. After discussing with the high school staff Mr. Springer has decided to cancel the High School Open House on October 23<sup>rd</sup> due to little attendance the last few years.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloeping, Neseth, J. McConville and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Agenda for meetings will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley. A brief American Civics Committee meeting will be held at 7:25 pm prior to the regular board meeting where public comment will be accepted.